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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Gary Abud, 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year

SUBJECT: Teacher of the Year Report

- Began the Galileo Teacher Leadership Academy.
- Attended a 3-Day retreat with the Galileo Academy in Battle Creek with 60 teachers from around Metro Detroit and completed a *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* workshop training.
- Interviewed on Tony Trupiano's *NightShift* radio talk show.
- Interviewed with Okemos Parents For Schools Association
- Invited to write op/ed for the *Detroit Free Press* on education topics.
- Keynote presentation at the MEEMIC annual Summer Agents Meeting.
- Led a 5-day workshop for chemistry teachers through Oakland Schools on best practice instruction and Next Generation Science Standards.
- On August 13<sup>th</sup>, I will be conducting a previously scheduled, full day of staff development for Mattawan Schools (which is why I am unable to be present for the State Board of Education meeting) on educational technology, specifically mobile devices and iPads in education.
- Facilitated a 2-day science instruction workshop for middle school and high school teachers in Troy Schools.
- Presented at the Galileo Learning Summit at Fraser High School on *Bring Your Own Device* (BYOD) and Marzano's *Essential 9 Instructional Strategies* with technology.
- Worked with administrators and teachers in my home district to prepare for our upcoming technology bond.
- Was invited to be a featured speaker at the MACUL conference for 2014 in Grand Rapids to give four presentations.

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- Was invited to be a panelist for the Wayne State University Conference on Poverty in Education
- Worked with a teacher colleague in my home district to organize a student-led TED-talks style conference, "called GPNspire," for the fall that will involve a dozen school districts in Metro Detroit to have students give inspirational talks.
- Attended meetings of, met with, and was recognized with a resolution by, the City Councils of Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores, as well as the Wayne County Commission.